

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application Junichi Hayashi  
of:

Application No.: 10/762,038

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For: IMAGE-PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE  
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR  
DISCOURAGING ILLEGAL  
COPYING OF IMAGES

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, Applicants hereby request continued examination (RCE), and entry of amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.